



HENRY D. DAVIDSON



MRS. LULA J. DAVIDSON

Centerville Industrial Institute

Henry D. Davidson, Principal

THE Centerville Industrial Institute, located at Centerville, Ala., was founded in 1900 by Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Davidson. It is an independent, charitable institution. The property is valued at \$5,500. The approximate annual expenses are \$1,500. There were 152 students in 1908, 82 male and 70 female. There were 5 Negro teachers, 3 male and 2 female. Money for the expenses is secured from subscriptions, concerts, etc.

Eight of the students are studying for the ministry.

There is no other school for the industrial and advanced training of colored youth in Bibb County or the counties adjoining it. The aim of those most interested is to make this institu-



EMILY HOWLAND HALL, CENTERVILLE INSTITUTE

tion a center for industrial and high-school training of the advanced pupils of the various rural schools in the section.

In order that the families may have better access to the school, it was decided to cut off twenty acres from one corner of the farm and divide it into quarter-acre lots for homes, the lots to be sold at sufficiently low price to induce residence near the school.

Two crops of vegetables are raised on the truck patch each year, one in the spring and summer, one in the fall and winter.

Howland Hall, a five-room two-story frame structure, is the principal building on the grounds. Money for the erection of this building was mostly given by Miss Howland, of New York. The building is used as assembly room for the primary department, four smaller rooms being used as bedrooms. Frazier House, a five-room dwelling, is used for the principal's home, for classrooms, and for bedrooms. To supply the buildings with



SEWING CLASS, CENTERVILLE INSTITUTE

proper school furniture, such as charts, maps, desks, etc., is a hard task. There is not a teacher's desk in a single class room.

Mrs. Davidson, who died in 1903, practically gave her life for this school.

Palmer Memorial Institute, Sedalia, N. C.

Charlotte E. Hawkins, President

PALMER MEMORIAL INSTITUTE was founded in 1903 by Charlotte E. Hawkins. There were 5 teachers and 2 helpers and 125 students in 1908. The annual expenses approximate \$3,500. The institute has for its end the development of rural life for Christian service. It aims to thoroughly arouse interest in Christian education in all the rural districts in the county. There are two buildings and eighty acres of land, worth \$15,000.